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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Ishii et al.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated November 3, 2000. A request for a two-month extension of the term for responding accompanies this Response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17 and 18. A clean copy of amended claims 17 and 18 is shown in the next page. A marked-up copy of old claims 17 and 18 with amendments is shown in the attached appendix.